upon which buses are allowed to ply, the amount of fees recovered in respect of each of them and the extra amount spent on these roads by each of the District Boards during the two years 1924-25 and 1925-26.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—17. (*a*) to (*e*) Information has been called for and will be furnished to the member on receipt.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Honnappiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to state in how many days the information promised can be furnished ?

Dewan.—

It will be furnished as soon as it is collected, say, within a week or so.

BY MESSRS. S. HONNAPPIAH and RAMAPPAGOWDA (Chickmagalur Taluk).—

Q—18. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following:—

(*a*) When was the Well-boring Expert appointed ?

(*b*) (i) What is his pay ?

(ii) The monthly cost of the establishment given to him.

(iii) Cost of the machinery supplied to him up to date.

(*c*) Definite duties assigned to him.

(*d*) The names of wells he has bored since his appointment (districtwar).

(*e*) How many districts he has visited and how many days he has toured ever since his appointment ?

(*f*) What is the percentage of the cost of entertaining the expert and his establishment compared with that of the actual expenditure on well works which he has so far been entrusted with ?

(*g*) Does the work turned out by him justify the further continuance of this establishment ?

(*h*) Cannot better progress be shown by District Boards in the sinking of wells with strict supervision over the work of the present Sanitary Inspectors under them ?

(*i*) Why the District Boards should not be asked to employ wholetime Work Inspectors of the grade of Sub-Overseers for these works in lieu of the present Sanitary Inspectors whose duties are quite indefinite ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—18. (*a*) No expert has been appointed; an Assistant Engineer of the Public Works Department has been placed in charge of the Well-boring Section since the 6th February 1925.

(*b*) (i) Rs. 170 plus Rs. 75 (duty allowance).

(ii) Rs. 547 per month.

(iii) Rs. 8,500.

(*c*) Rendering technical advice and service to parties in the use of boring plants and supervising, sinking and construction of wells when desired by raiyats.

(*d*) The information required is given in the list annexed. (*Vide* Appendix IV.)

(*e*) (i) Six districts., *i.e.*, all except Mysore and Hassan.

(ii) Number of days toured out—64.

(*f*) Information is not available as the expenditure on well works is incurred by private parties.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) and (*i*). The work requires a considerable knowledge of handling of machinery used for well-boring and it will not be possible for each District Board to employ the necessary agency. The present system under which the District Board can get the expert help of the technical staff of the Department of Industries responsible for organising the necessary operations in the district is calculated to produce the best results.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Honnappiah.—

Answer to section (*a*) states that no expert has been appointed. Does it mean that the Assistant Engineer in charge of the work is not an expert ?

Second Member of Council.—

We wanted to get a well-boring expert from outside the State and such an expert was not available and an Assistant Engineer was therefore placed in charge.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

Answer to section (*b*) (i) mentions that an allowance of Rs. 75 was being drawn by the Assistant Engineer. Was there any necessity for the grant of this allowance?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise.

BY MR. B. RANGARAJIAH (Minority Interests, Mudgere).—

Q—19. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of applications received for the grant of Pallegar scholarships during 1924-25 and from what communities?

(*b*) How many were rejected ?

(*c*) Is it a fact that Mahomedan students were being granted scholarships out of this allotment, and if so, is it still being continued ?

(*d*) In view of the fact that Mahomedan students are being given separate scholarships and also of the fact that the number of Pallegar students is on the increase, will Government be pleased to state if the grant of these scholarships will be restricted to Pallegar students alone ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—19. (*a*) 22 applications from the following communities:—

(i)	Mahomedan	10
(ii)	Kshatriya	8
(iii)	Lingayet	1
(iv)	Beda	1
(v)	Other Hindus	2
	Total ..	22

(*b*) 14.

(*c*) Yes; only the Mahomedan students of families in receipt of political pensions are allowed these scholarships.

(*d*) Will be considered.

BY MESSRS. A. ANANTHAIYA (Shimoga Taluk); C. SUBBA RAO (Co-operative Constituency); D. PANCHAKSHARAPPA (Shimoga Municipality); and N. GURULINGAPPA (Honnali Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) Whether they have not Mysoreans and